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## THE HEDGEHOG

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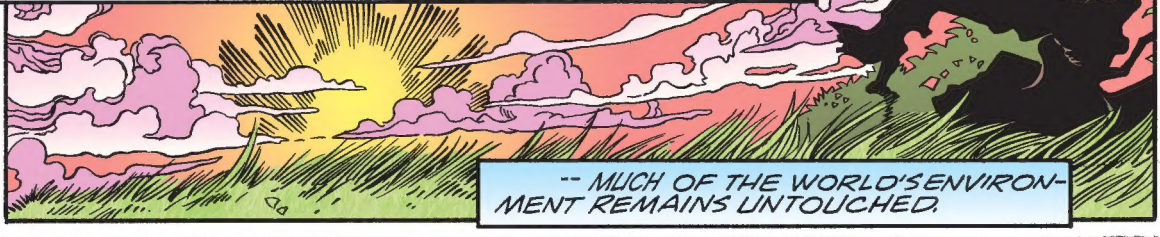
SEGA

*Play on Play*



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**D**ESPITE ALL THE DESTRUCTION AND DEFOLIATION THAT DOCTOR ROBOTNIK HAS ENABLED FOR THE PAST ELEVEN YEARS, TWO MONTHS, ONE WEEK, FOUR DAYS, THIRTEEN HOURS, FORTY-TWO MINUTES, AND THIRTY-SEVEN POINT SIX SECONDS SINCE SEIZING CONTROL OF MOBOTROPOLIS--



-- MUCH OF THE WORLD'S ENVIRONMENT REMAINS UNTOUCHED.

OVER VAST STRETCHES OF LAND, ENTIRE FAMILIES CAN STILL COMMUNE WITH NATURE.

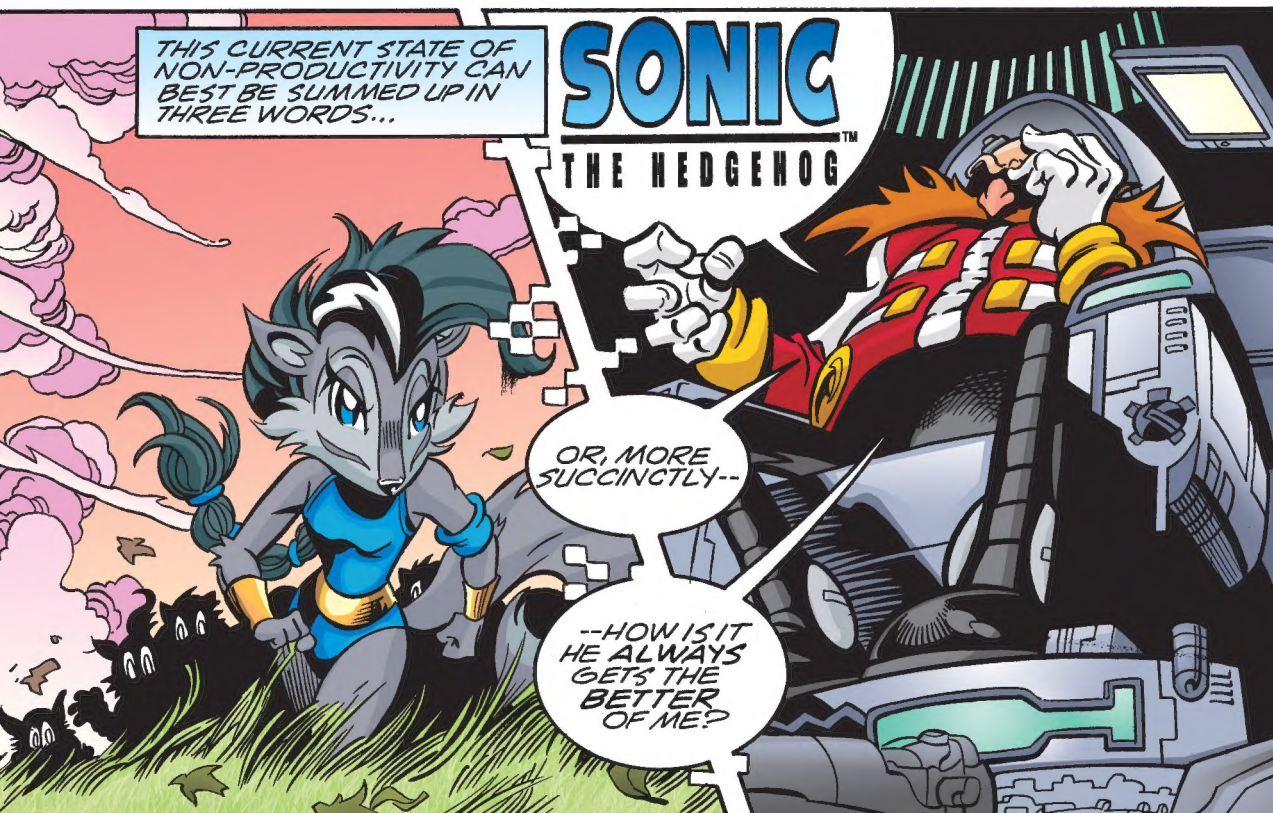


THIS CURRENT STATE OF NON-PRODUCTIVITY CAN BEST BE SUMMED UP IN THREE WORDS...

# SONIC™ THE HEDGEHOG

OR, MORE SUCCINCTLY--

--HOW IS IT HE ALWAYS GETS THE BETTER OF ME?



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# DOCTOR ROBOTNIK ENGAGE!

ANSWER UNKNOWN!  
INSUFFICIENT DATA!

WE'RE TALKING ABOUT TEENAGERS, ADAM!

THEY'RE NOT EXACTLY KNOWN FOR RATIONALITY AND LOGIC!

NOTHING BUT EMOTION AND HORMONES, WHICH MAKES THEM ANYTHING BUT PREDICTABLE!

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QUERY: WOULD IT NOT BE MORE PRODUCTIVE TO FOCUS YOURSELF TOWARD THE STATED OBJECTIVE?

AT YOUR PRESENT RATE, IT WILL BE ANOTHER 116 YEARS, 11 MONTHS, 3 DAYS, 6 HOURS, 31 MINUTES, AND 15 POINT 4 SECONDS BEFORE ATTAINING COMPLETE WORLD DOMINATION.



THE HEDGE-HOG IS MY BUSINESS, ADAM!

YOU WOULD DO WELL TO REMEMBER THAT!

--IF YOU CAN DEVISE A MEANS TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION, THEN DO SO!

AS FOR MY STATED OBJECTIVES--

OTHERWISE, I HAVE A LOW THRESHOLD FOR IMPERTINENCE!



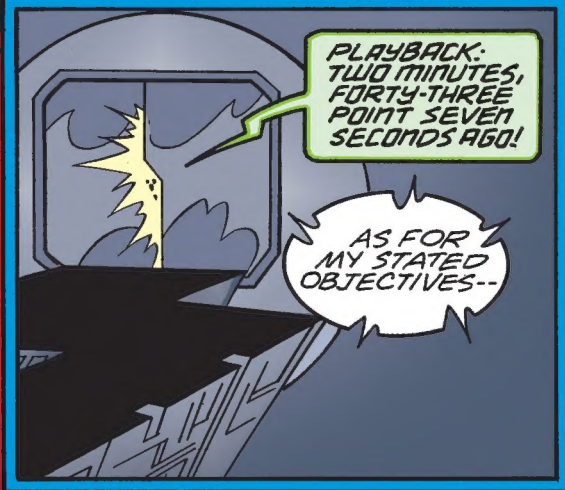
NOW... IF YOU'LL EXCUSE ME, I MUST SEEK OUT MY DAILY NOURISHMENT!



HOW LONG FOR MY ORIGINAL CONSTRUCT FORM--

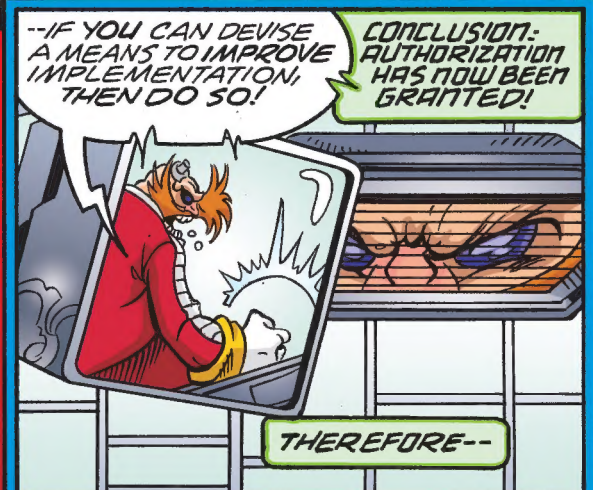
--INSTEAD OF THIS WEAK AND PATHETIC BIOLOGICAL SHELL!\*

\*SEE SONIC #118 FOR THE FULL STORY.



PLAYBACK: TWO MINUTES, FORTY-THREE POINT SEVEN SECONDS AGO!

AS FOR MY STATED OBJECTIVES--



--IF YOU CAN DEVISE A MEANS TO IMPROVE IMPLEMENTATION, THEN DO SO!

CONCLUSION: AUTHORIZATION HAS NOW BEEN GRANTED!

THEREFORE--

--ACTION MAY BE INITIATED!

OPTION ONE:  
CONSTRUCT  
FORCE.

OPTION TWO: THE POD  
CHAMBER. DRAWBACK:  
TOO EARLY FOR  
INTERFACE WITH ANY-  
ONE BEYOND THEIR  
IMMEDIATE ENVIRON-  
MENT.

LEAVING OPTION  
THREE: UNLEASH-  
ING THE HAND-  
TECHNOLOGY--

DRAWBACK: INSUFFICIENT  
NUMBERS TO ACHIEVE A  
RADICAL CHANGE IN THE  
STATUS Q.U.O.

"-- AND ALLOW IT TO  
INCREASE EXPONEN-  
Tially IN AN UNRE-  
STRICTED ENVIRON-  
MENT!"

WHAT  
AN ODD  
SOUND!

KLK-KLAK-KLK KLAK-K

K-KLK KLAK

WE HAVEN'T  
COME ACROSS  
A SOUL THE  
PAST SEVERAL  
HOURS--

--SO IT'S HARD TO  
IMAGINE WHAT  
COULD BE  
MAKING IT!

MAYBE  
IT'S THE  
BIRDS  
CHIRP-  
ING,  
MA!

KLK  
KLAK  
KLAK  
KLAK

OR BEES! THEY CAN GET AWFUL LOUD!

I DOUBT EITHER THE BIRDS OR THE BEES COULD MAKE A RACKET LIKE THAT.

THEN WHAT?

K-KLK-KLAK-KLK-KLAK-KLK-KLAK-KLK

GREAT THUNDER OF AURORA!

WE'RE GOING TO BE TRAPPED!

RUN!

WHATEVER IT IS, IT'S RELENTLESS!

NEVER MIND THE ANALYSIS! JUST KEEP GOING!



NOOOO!

PREDICTION: OBJECTIVE WILL BE ACHIEVED WITHIN THE NEXT 118 HOURS, 23 MINUTES, AND 41 POINT 9 SECONDS.

ENGAGE!

# SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG

HAS JUST LEARNED SOMETHING IS UP, AND FINDS EVERYONE GATHERED IN A SPECIAL BUNKER LOCATED UNDER THE SURFACE OF KNOTHOLE.

DID I MISS ANYTHING?

ONLY MY EXPLANATION OF HOW WE'RE RECEIVING THIS LIVE VIDEO FEED!

SUFFICE IT TO SAY, WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING AT IS ACTUALLY TRANSPIRING EVEN AS WE SPEAK!

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IN THE FUTURE, EVERYONE, WHEN A MEETING IS CALLED--

--IT'S *NOT* CONDUCTED ON SONIC TIME!

OUCH! WISH I KNEW IF THAT WAS AIMED AT ME-- OF ME--

--OR MY EVIL DOUBLE!\*

OVER HERE, SUGAH HOG!

\*SEE THE PREVIOUS TWO ISSUES FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

GETTING BACK TO THE MATTER AT HAND--

--THIS APPEARS TO BE THE UTILIZATION OF A TECHNOLOGY WE CAN ONLY GUESS AT--

--WHEREBY THE NATURAL ENVIRONMENT IS TERRAFORMED INTO A SPRAWLING ARTIFICIAL DEVELOPMENT!

THIS SATELLITE TRANSMISSION COURTESY OF LOCKE SHOWS THAT WHATEVER THIS THING IS--

--ORIGINATED IN MEGAOPOLIS AND IS RAPIDLY SPREADING OUTWARD IN EVERY DIRECTION!

OUR CURRENT PROJECTIONS ESTIMATE--

--THAT IT WILL REACH KNOTHOLE IN 24 HOURS!

AND AT ITS PRESENT RATE OF SPEED, THE ENTIRE SURFACE OF MOBIUS WILL BE COVERED IN UNDER A WEEK!

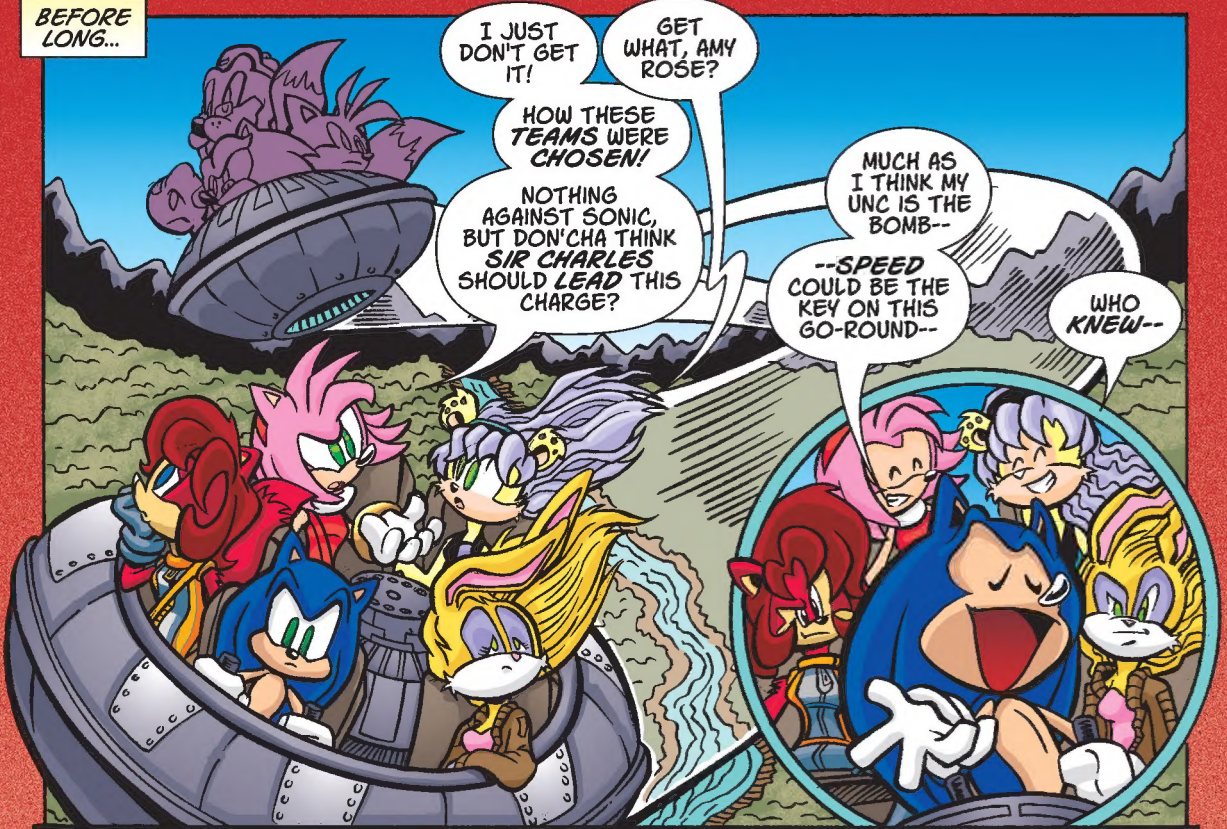
ANY QUESTIONS?

JUST ONE--

HOW DO WE STOP THIS THING?



BEFORE  
LONG...



I JUST DON'T GET IT!

GET WHAT, AMY ROSE?

HOW THESE TEAMS WERE CHOSEN!

NOTHING AGAINST SONIC, BUT DON'CHA THINK SIR CHARLES SHOULD LEAD THIS CHARGE?

MUCH AS I THINK MY UNC IS THE BOMB--

--SPEED COULD BE THE KEY ON THIS GO-ROUND--

WHO KNEW--

--THAT YOU'RE QUITE THE CHAUVINISTIC OINKER? WHAT ABOUT ME?

LET'S GET REAL, MINA!



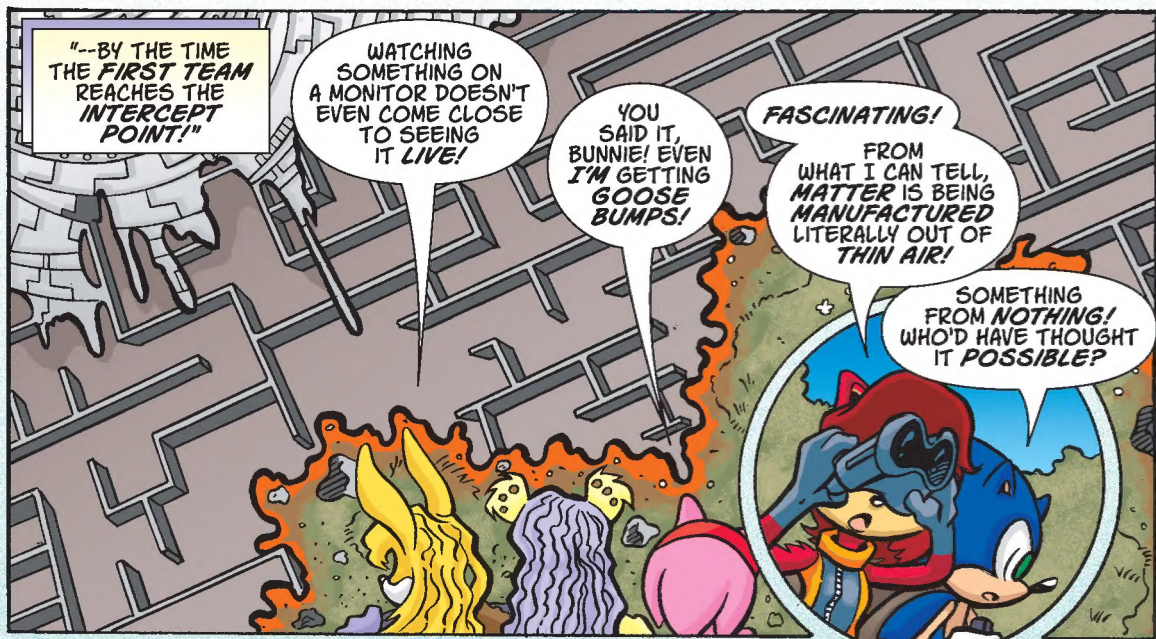
HOW MANY MISSIONS HAVE YOU BEEN ON COMPARED TO ME?

YEAH, I THOUGHT SO!

THIS LOOKS AS GOOD A SPOT AS ANY TO SET UP STATIONS!

HURRY UP, BRAIN-TRUST! WE NEED TO BE SET-UP--





"--BY THE TIME THE FIRST TEAM REACHES THE INTERCEPT POINT!"

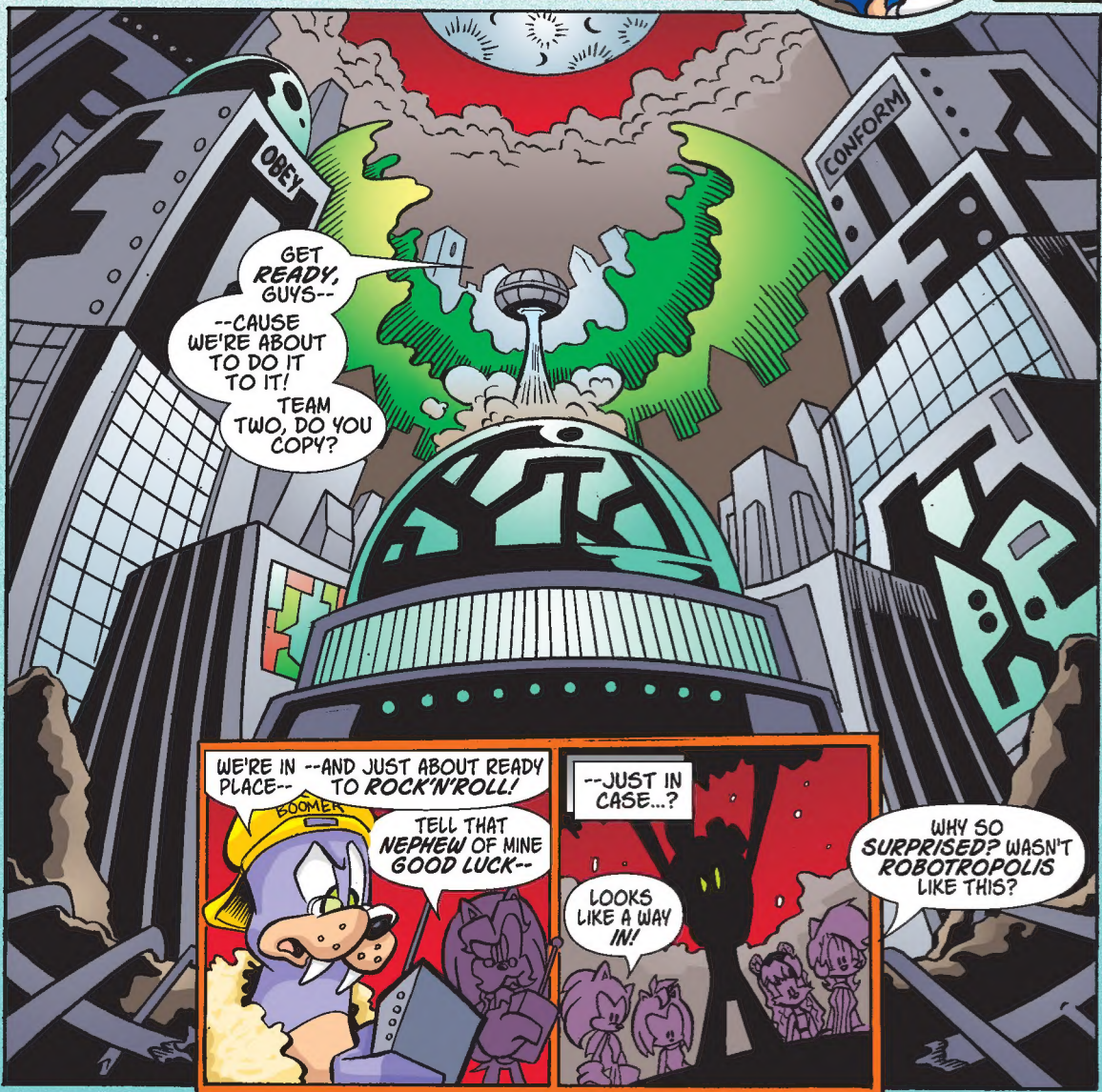
WATCHING SOMETHING ON A MONITOR DOESN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO SEEING IT LIVE!

YOU SAID IT, BUNNIE! EVEN I'M GETTING GOOSE BUMPS!

FASCINATING!

FROM WHAT I CAN TELL, MATTER IS BEING MANUFACTURED LITERALLY OUT OF THIN AIR!

SOMETHING FROM NOTHING! WHO'D HAVE THOUGHT IT POSSIBLE?



GET READY, GUYS--

--CAUSE WE'RE ABOUT TO DO IT TO IT!

TEAM TWO, DO YOU COPY?

WE'RE IN --AND JUST ABOUT READY TO ROCK'N'ROLL!

TELL THAT NEPHEW OF MINE GOOD LUCK--

--JUST IN CASE...?

LOOKS LIKE A WAY IN!

WHY SO SURPRISED? WASN'T ROBOTROPOLIS LIKE THIS?

I GET THE POINT! IF IT LOOKS AND SMELLS LIKE THE REAL DEAL--

--IT STILL DOESN'T MEAN IT *IS* THE REAL DEAL!

SONIC--?

FOR ONCE, I'M SCARED!

THIS THING IS HUMONGOUS! BIGGER THAN ANYTHING WE'VE EVER FACED!

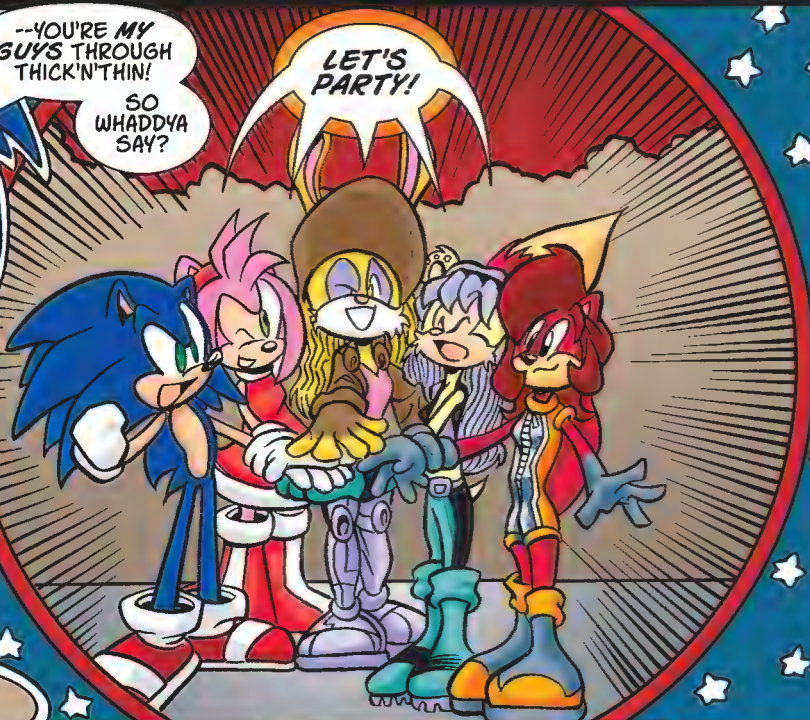
WHY JUST US? WHY DIDN'T THE OTHERS COME WITH US?



--YOU'RE MY GUYS THROUGH THICK'N'THIN!

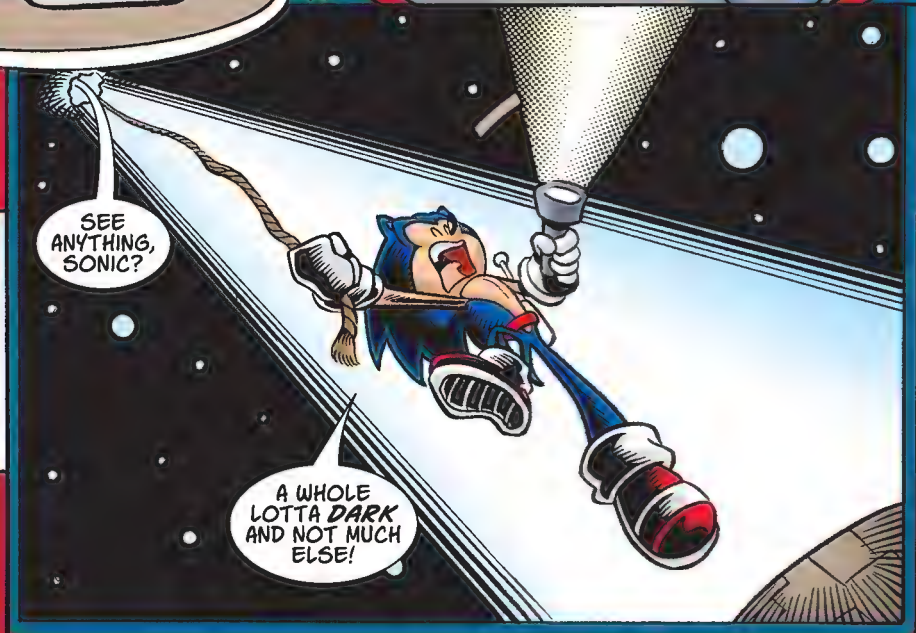
SO WHADDYA SAY?

LET'S PARTY!



SEE ANYTHING, SONIC?

A WHOLE LOTTA DARK AND NOT MUCH ELSE!





TEAM TWO, CAN YOU STILL COPY?

WE READ YOU LOUD AND CLEAR, TEAM ONE!

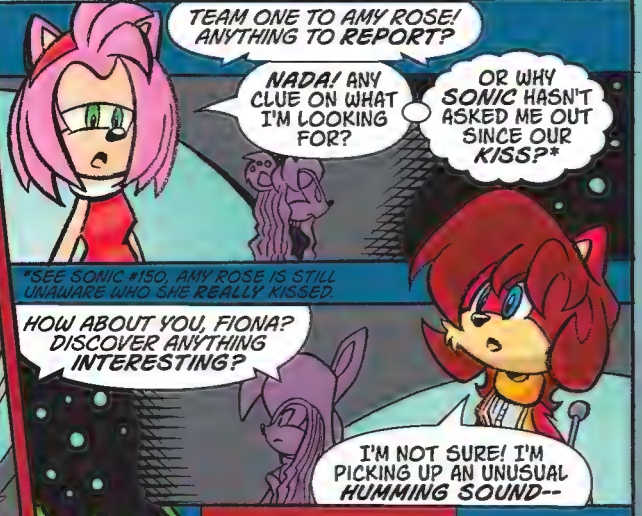
WHAT DO YOU SEE?



IT'S LIKE TRYING TO SNEAK INTO ROBOTROPOLIS--

--ONLY THERE'S NO SIGN OF LIFE OR SENSE OF WHERE ANYTHING IS!

LOOKS LIKE WE'LL HAVE TO SPLIT UP!



TEAM ONE TO AMY ROSE! ANYTHING TO REPORT?

NADA! ANY CLUE ON WHAT I'M LOOKING FOR?

OR WHY SONIC HASN'T ASKED ME OUT SINCE OUR KISS?\*

\*SEE SONIC #150, AMY ROSE IS STILL UNAWARE WHO SHE REALLY KISSED.

HOW ABOUT YOU, FIONA? DISCOVER ANYTHING INTERESTING?

I'M NOT SURE! I'M PICKING UP AN UNUSUAL HUMMING SOUND--



"--BUT I HAVEN'T ANY INDICATION WHAT THE SOURCE COULD BE!"

THIS MISSION IS TOUGH ENOUGH AS IT IS--

--WITHOUT BEING SADDLED WITH ALL OF THE GIRLS!

WHAT IS THIS?! SALLY'S REVENGE?!!



SEE ANYTHING, BUNNIE?

ALL PEACE AND QUIET, ROTOR! NOTHING UNUSUAL HEAH!



WAIT A MINUTE! SOMETHING'S WRONG!

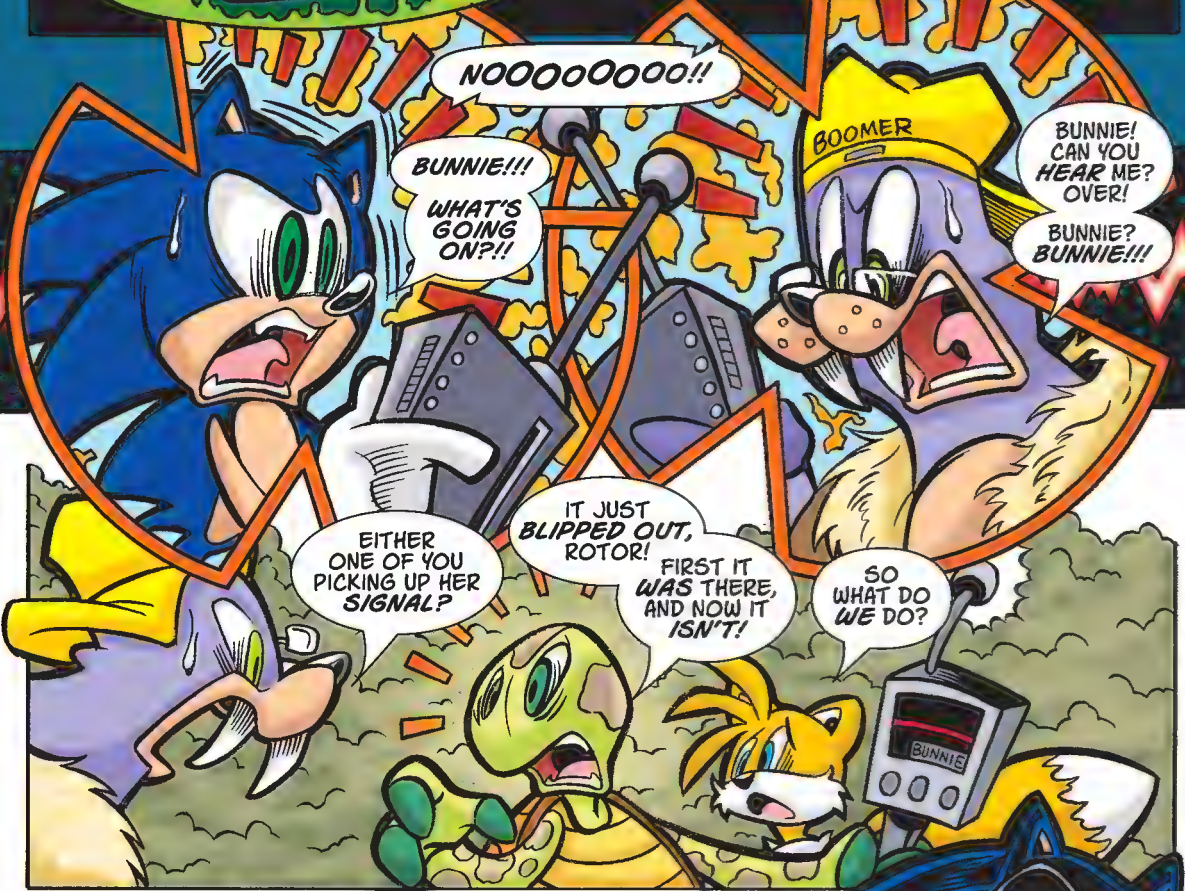
WHAT IS IT?

I'M PICKING UP A WEIRD SOUND, LIKE--



MY ARM!!

IT'S GRABBED MY ARM!!



NOOOOOOO!!!

BUNNIE!!!

WHAT'S GOING ON?!!

BOOMER

BUNNIE! CAN YOU HEAR ME? OVER!

BUNNIE? BUNNIE!!!

EITHER ONE OF YOU PICKING UP HER SIGNAL?

IT JUST BLIPPED OUT, ROTOR!

FIRST IT WAS THERE, AND NOW IT ISN'T!

SO WHAT DO WE DO?

THE HARDEST THING OF ALL, SON-- NOTHING!

REMAIN AT YOUR POSTS!



"WE WON'T LEARN ANYTHING IF WE DON'T MAINTAIN CONTACT!"

BAD NEWS!  
NO SIGN OF BUNNIE  
ANYWHERE DOWN  
THE CORRIDOR  
SHE TOOK!

WHAT'S  
WORSE,  
EVEN  
WITH MY  
SPEED--

--I'M NOT  
SURE HOW  
MUCH AREA  
I CAN COVER  
IN ORDER TO  
FIND HER!

COME IN,  
SONIC! WHAT'S  
YOUR CURRENT  
STATUS?

A BIG ZERO,  
ROTOR!

NO BUNNIE--  
BUT I JUST FOUND A  
SECTION THAT WOULD GIVE  
YOUR LAB SET-UP A RUN  
FOR THE MONEY!

ANY  
TERMINALS YOU  
CAN TAP INTO?  
SOMETHING YOU  
CAN ACCESS  
A DATABASE  
WITH?

HOLD  
ON! THERE'S  
SOMETHING  
UP AHEAD!

YOU'RE  
BREAKING UP!  
SAY AGAIN?  
ZZTTT...

THIS HAS  
GOTTA BE  
A GAG!

NO WAY  
COULD HE  
BE BEHIND  
ALL THIS!

AFTER  
ALL THIS  
TIME.

WHERE  
THERE'S ONE,  
THE OTHER  
CAN'T BE FAR  
BEHIND!

AND IF  
SNIVELY IS  
WHY BUNNIE  
IS MIA--\*

\*MISSING  
IN ACTION.

"--I'LL GO BEYOND SUPER-SONIC ON HIS TAIL!"

OUR SCANNERS INDICATE YOU'RE LIKE US--

--THEREFORE, YOU WILL BE ABSORBED!

I LIKE MYSELF RIGHT FINE THE WAY I AM, THANK YOU VERY MUCH!

WHY DON'T YOU SHOW YOURSELF SO I CAN SEE WHO I'M DEALING WITH!

YOU WILL JOIN THE CONTIGUITY, WE ARE THE MANY FROM THE ONE!

JOIN? AS IN--BECOME A COMPUTER?!

"NO! NO!! NO!!! I JUST WANNA BE ME!!"

GAME OVER, SLIME BALL! WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH BUNNIE?

WHOA, YOU BLUE FUZZBALL! YOU GOT IT BACKWARDS!

ALL OF THIS IS BECAUSE OF THE NANITES!

NANWHATISIS?

A SELF-REPLICATING TECHNOLOGY!

THEY REPRODUCE, COMMUNICATE, CONSUME AND IF WE DON'T STOP THEM BEFORE LONG--



--THEY'LL BE THE **DOMINANT** LIFE FORM ON THIS PLANET!

ROTOR SAID PRETTY MUCH THE **SAME** THING!

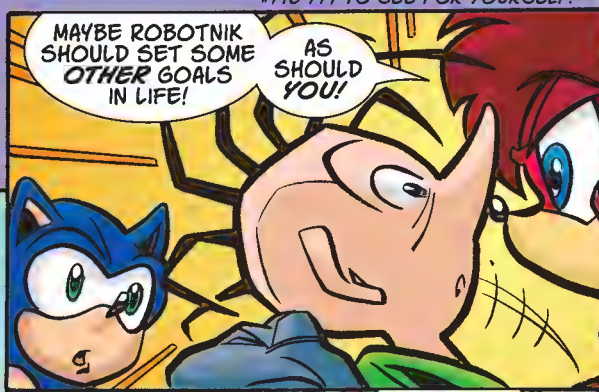
BUT **WHY** WOULD ROBO-BUTT **CREATE** SOMETHING THAT COULD CLEAN HIS CLOCK?



WHEN HE WAS TRYING TO **RECREATE** METAL SONIC-- \*

--HE FOUND THESE THINGS!

\*BOY DID HE EVER! CHECKOUT SONIC #146-149 TO SEE FOR YOURSELF.



MAYBE ROBOTNIK SHOULD SET SOME **OTHER** GOALS IN LIFE!

AS SHOULD YOU!

HIS NEW "**SON**" HAS TAKEN CONTROL OF THE NANITES AND IS EXPANDING HIS "**FATHER'S**" TERRITORY. **A.D.A.M.** IS A **VIRUS** IN EVERY SENSE OF THE WORD!



SHE'S TALKING ABOUT THE **E.M.P. DETONATORS** I'VE BEEN SETTING!

E.M.P.?

ELECTROMAGNETIC PULSE, SONIC --



--A **POWERFUL** SURGE WITH THE CAPACITY TO RENDER ANYTHING **ELECTRONIC** TOTALLY **USELESS!**

BUT **HARMLESS** TO ANY LIVING BEING!

I THINK I MISSED THAT CLASS.



IT'S A **WONDER** YOU **THINK** AT ALL BEFORE ACTING!

I WAS **PROGRAMMING** THE **TIMERS** SO THE **DETONATORS** WOULD GO OFF **SIMULTANEOUSLY** BEFORE YOU STOPPED ME!

SO... NOW I'M TO **BLAME?**



NO! I'M SAYING NOW  
OUR **ONLY** ALTERNATIVE IS  
TO SET OFF THE DETONATORS  
AT THE **THREE** FLASHPOINTS  
**MANUALLY!**

TIME IS NOW OF THE  
ESSENCE AND WE HAVEN'T A  
SPARE MOMENT TO LOSE!

SOUNDS LIKE A NEED FOR  
**SUPER-SONIC SPEED!**

GET REAL,  
SONIC!

EVEN YOU **CAN'T** BE IN  
THREE PLACES AT ONCE!

--WE CAN TAKE  
CARE OF THE  
DETONATORS!

YOU  
HAVE TO **SAVE**  
BUNNIE!

SAVE  
BUNNIE?

BESIDES--

SHE'S  
RIGHT,  
SONIC!

WHEN THE  
E.M.P. GOES OFF,  
BUNNIE'S **ROBOTIC**  
LIMBS WILL BE  
AFFECTED--

WHAT ABOUT  
**SNIVELY?**

HE JUST  
CUTS AND RUNS  
WHILE WE MAKE  
LIKE HEROES?

--AND THERE'S  
NO TELLING  
WHAT'LL  
HAPPEN TO  
THE REST  
OF HER  
AFTER  
THAT!

HARDLY!  
WHILE THE GIRLS  
GET IN POSITION TO  
TRIGGER THE  
DETONATORS--

--I'LL BE MANNING  
THE **MASTER GENERATOR**  
RIGHT HERE TO ENSURE THE  
**MAXIMUM SURGE** IS  
PROVIDED!

TEAM TWO,  
DID YOU COPY  
ALL THAT?

LOUD  
AND CLEAR,  
SON!

SNIVELY  
WAS SHOOTING  
STRAIGHT  
WITH YOU!

SO IF  
YOU'RE GOING  
TO SAVE  
BUNNIE--

--YOU'D BETTER  
DO IT NOW AS WE'RE  
LOSING HER  
SIGNAL!

PROCEED  
EAST--

JUST  
POINT THE  
WAY AND I'M  
OFF!

--UNTIL  
WE TELL YOU  
TO CHANGE  
COURSE!

I'M  
DOIN' IT  
TO IT!

WE'D BETTER  
GET MOVING AS  
WELL! WHERE  
ARE THE  
DETONATORS,  
SNIVELY?

SEE THIS  
MAP?  
RIGHT  
HERE--  
--HERE--

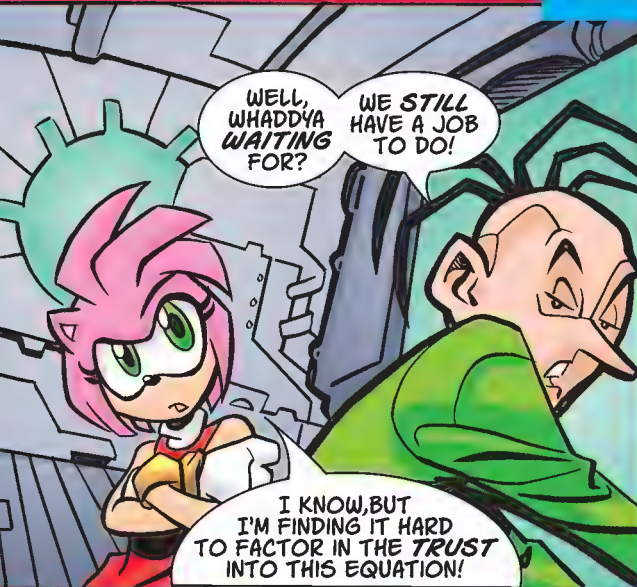
--AND JUST  
DOWN THE CORRIDOR  
BEYOND THE MASTER  
GENERATOR!

HOW DO  
WE GET OUT TO THE  
TWO FARTHEST  
DETONATORS?

I MAY BE A  
HEDGEHOG BUT  
I'M NOWHERE  
NEAR AS FAST  
AS SONIC!

BUT,  
I AM!  
I'LL CARRY  
FIONA TO THE  
SECOND POINT--

--WHILE  
I TAKE THE  
THIRD!  
JUST HANG  
ON, FOXY LADY,  
AND DON'T  
LET GO!



WELL, WHADDYA WAITING FOR?

WE STILL HAVE A JOB TO DO!

I KNOW, BUT I'M FINDING IT HARD TO FACTOR IN THE TRUST INTO THIS EQUATION!

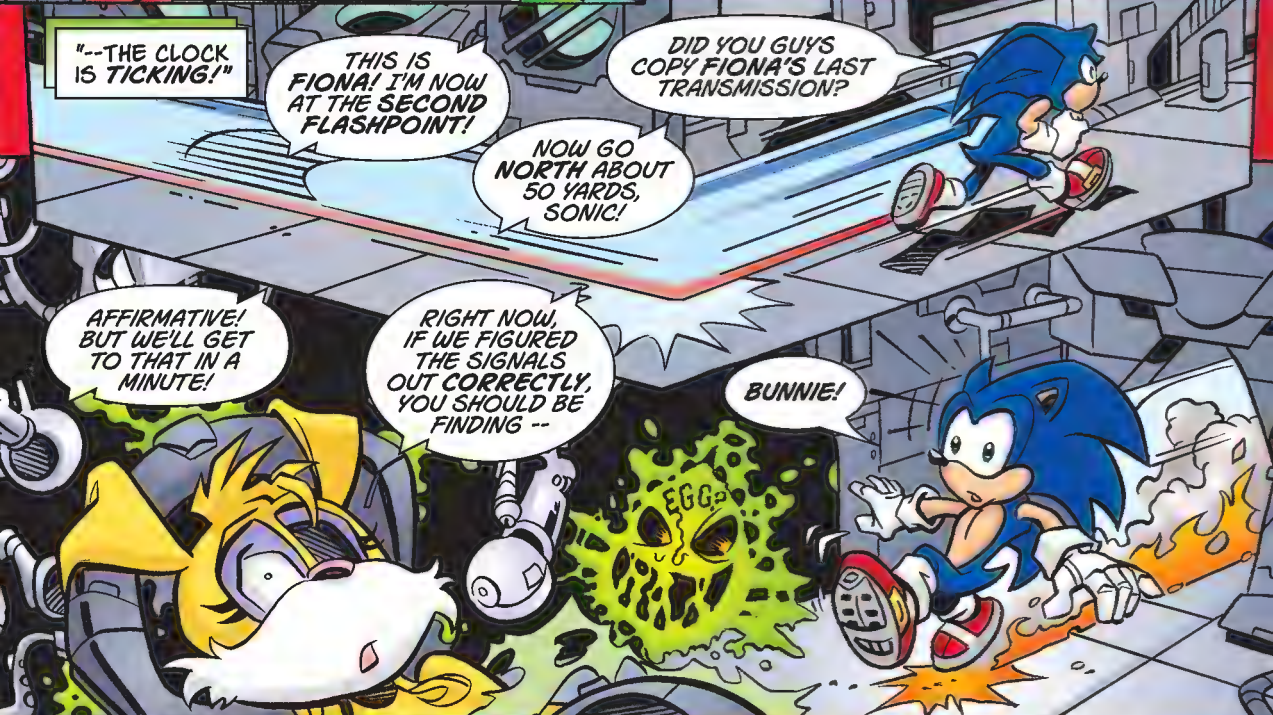


WOULD IT HELP IF I SAID I WAS ONLY DOING THIS TO GET REVENGE AGAINST A.D.A.M. AND DIDN'T GIVE A RAT'S BEHIND ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

YEAH!

THAT YOU COULD SELL ME!

THEN, C'MON--



"--THE CLOCK IS TICKING!"

THIS IS FIONA! I'M NOW AT THE SECOND FLASHPOINT!

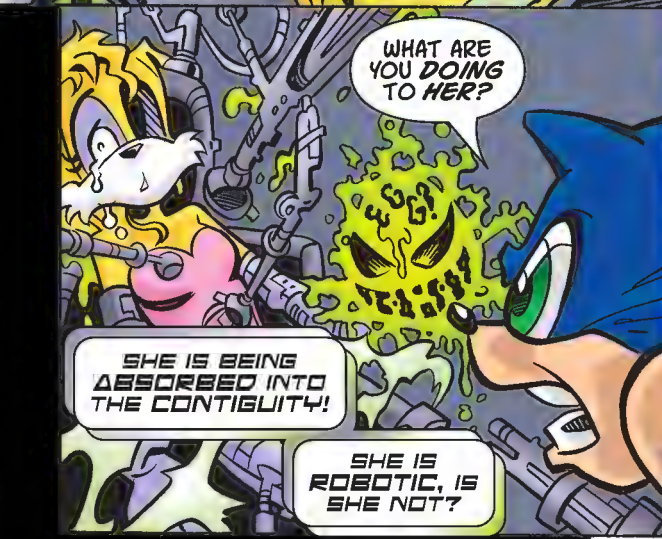
DID YOU GUYS COPY FIONA'S LAST TRANSMISSION?

NOW GO NORTH ABOUT 50 YARDS, SONIC!

AFFIRMATIVE! BUT WE'LL GET TO THAT IN A MINUTE!

RIGHT NOW, IF WE FIGURED THE SIGNALS OUT CORRECTLY, YOU SHOULD BE FINDING --

BUNNIE!



WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO HER?

SHE IS BEING ABSORBED INTO THE CONTIGUITY!

SHE IS ROBOTIC, IS SHE NOT?



SHE'S NOT ROBOTIC, DORK! SHE'S BIONIC!

LOOK WHAT YOU DID TO THE FOREST!

YOU CAN'T ABSORB THAT!!!

THIS IS MINA!  
I'VE ARRIVED AT  
THE **THIRD**  
FLASHPOINT!

OH, GREAT!  
BUNNIE'S GONNA LOSE  
IT BECAUSE I WASN'T  
FAST ENOUGH!

HOLD ON, SON!  
I THINK I HAVE  
AN ANSWER!

THE NANITES  
THOUGHT  
PROCESSES,  
SONIC --  
THEY  
MUST BE  
BINARY!

IN SIMPLER  
TERMS, THEY  
UNDERSTAND  
ORGANIC AND  
INORGANIC -

REMEMBER  
HOW TAILS  
FIRST CONFUSED  
A.D.A.M. WITH HIS  
JOKES? A.D.A.M.  
ONLY UNDERSTANDS  
LOGIC...\*

-- BUT  
HE DOESN'T  
COMPREHEND  
MIXING THE  
TWO!

WHOO-HOO!  
THANK YOU,  
UNCLE CHUCK!!!

YO! TO  
WHATEVER'S  
LISTENING  
IN --



\*WAY BACK IN SONIC 132.



DOES YOUR  
PROGRAMMING  
INCLUDE BEING  
ABLE TO WASTE  
SOMEONE?

Y'KNOW,  
LIKE SNIVELY  
OR YOUR 'SIS  
MECHA?

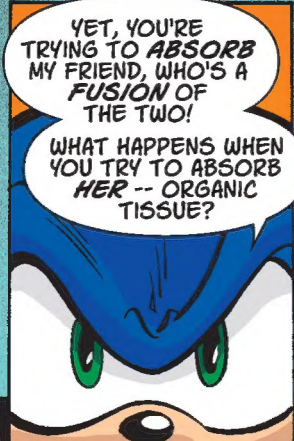
ORGANIC TISSUE IS  
NOT ADAPTABLE  
NOR DOES IT SERVE  
ANY PURPOSE TO  
THE CONTIGUITY!

ONE IS EITHER  
CARBON OR  
SILICON-BASED!

YET, YOU'RE  
TRYING TO ABSORB  
MY FRIEND, WHO'S A  
FUSION OF  
THE TWO!

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN  
YOU TRY TO ABSORB  
HER -- ORGANIC  
TISSUE?

ORGANIC  
TISSUE CANNOT  
BE ABSORBED BY  
THE CONTIGUITY!

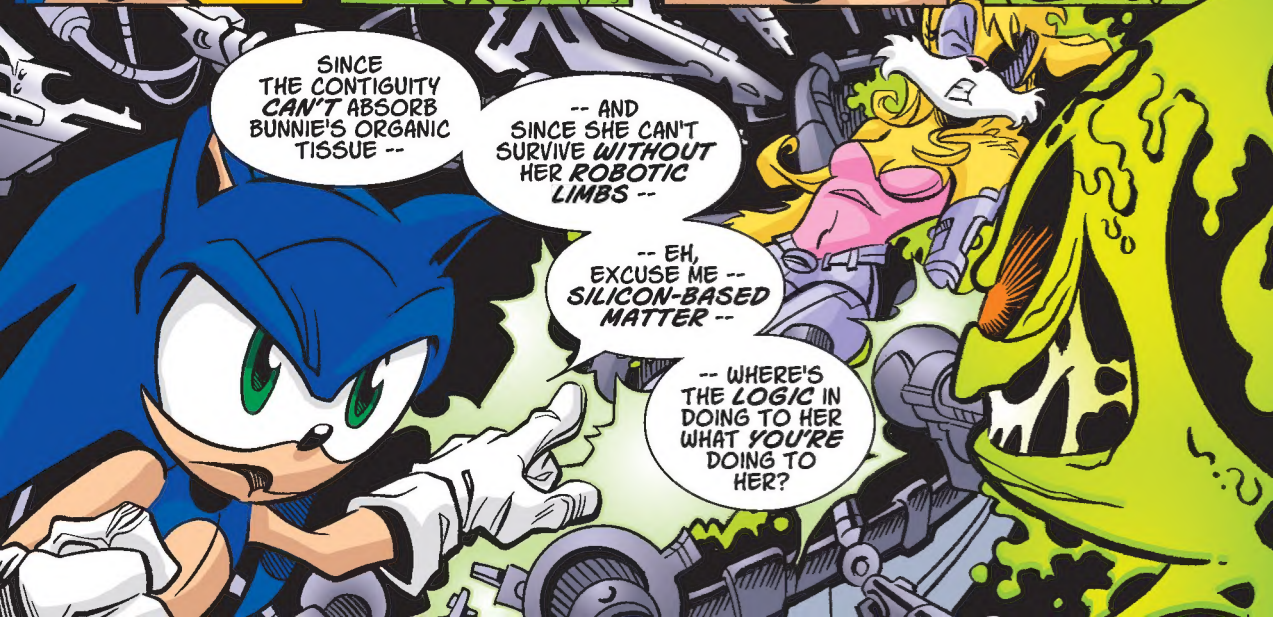


SINCE  
THE CONTIGUITY  
CAN'T ABSORB  
BUNNIE'S ORGANIC  
TISSUE --

-- AND  
SINCE SHE CAN'T  
SURVIVE WITHOUT  
HER ROBOTIC  
LIMBS --

-- EH,  
EXCUSE ME --  
SILICON-BASED  
MATTER --

-- WHERE'S  
THE LOGIC IN  
DOING TO HER  
WHAT YOU'RE  
DOING TO  
HER?





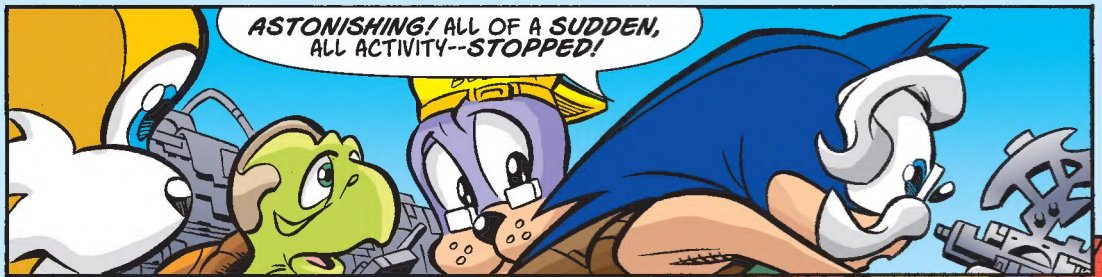
SONIC,  
WHAT'S GOING  
ON?! WE CAN'T  
WAIT ANY  
LONGER!!

WELL?

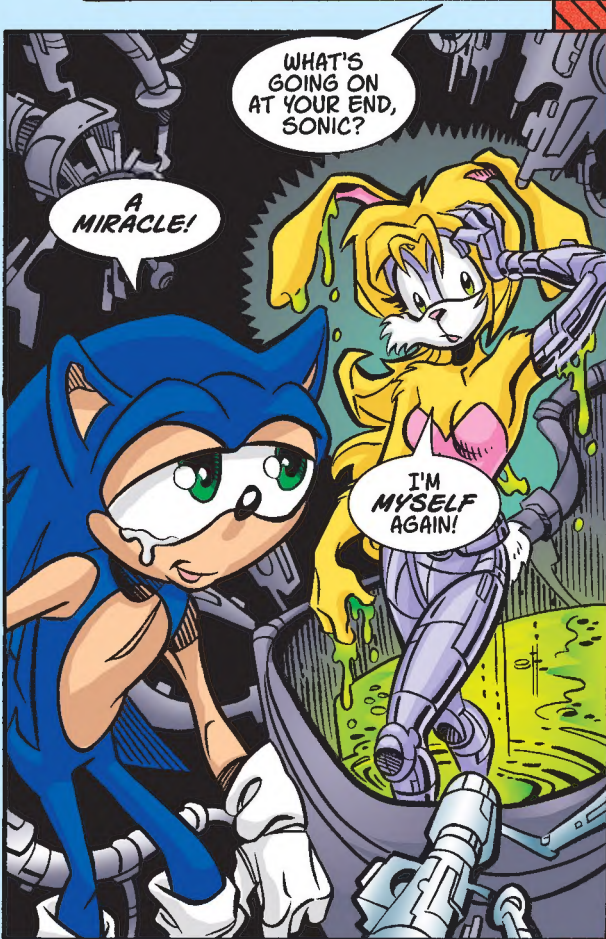


THAT  
EQUATION--

--NEEDS FURTHER  
COMPUTATION.



ASTONISHING! ALL OF A SUDDEN,  
ALL ACTIVITY--STOPPED!



WHAT'S  
GOING ON  
AT YOUR  
END,  
SONIC?

A  
MIRACLE!

I'M  
MYSELF  
AGAIN!



I'LL  
SAY!  
BETTER  
THAN  
EVER!

WHAT DO  
YOU THINK  
JUST  
HAPPENED?

I'LL TELL  
YOU LATER,  
SUGAH!

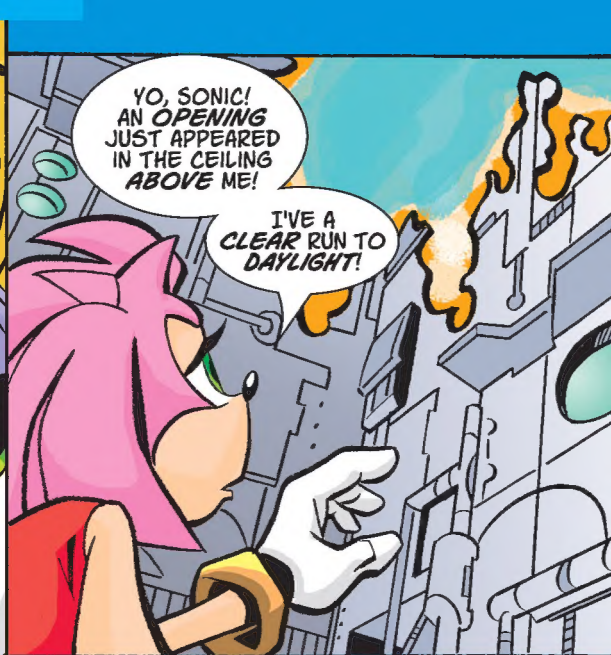
ALL  
YOU NEED TO  
KNOW IS YOUR  
MAH HERO!



HEY!  
I JUST  
NOTICED!

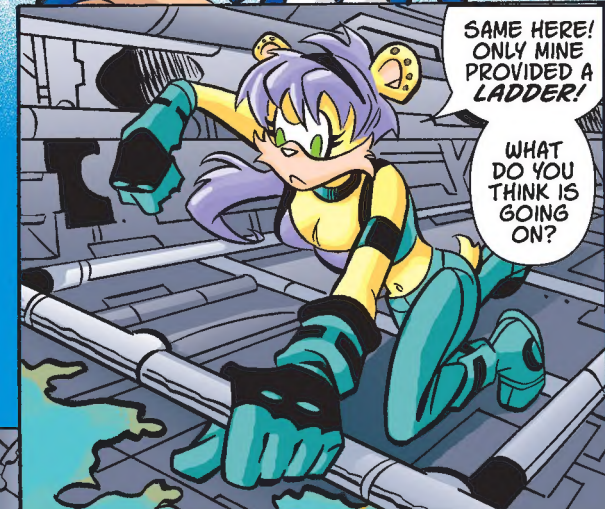
BACK INTO  
THE MOTHER-BOARD,  
I'D SAY!

WHERE  
DID THAT  
CREEPY-LOOKING  
CONTRAPTION  
GO?



YO, SONIC!  
AN *OPENING*  
JUST APPEARED  
IN THE CEILING  
ABOVE ME!

I'VE A  
*CLEAR RUN TO*  
*DAYLIGHT!*

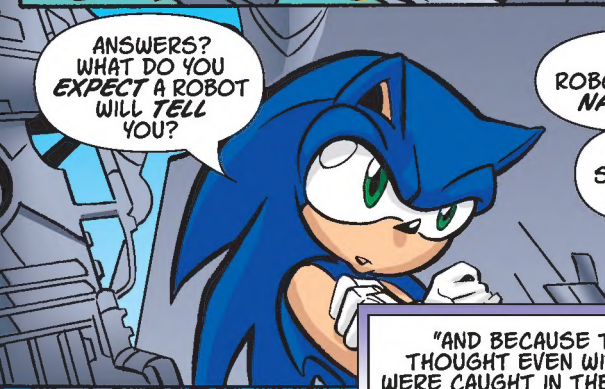


SAME HERE!  
ONLY MINE  
PROVIDED A  
*LADDER!*

WHAT  
DO YOU  
THINK IS  
GOING  
ON?



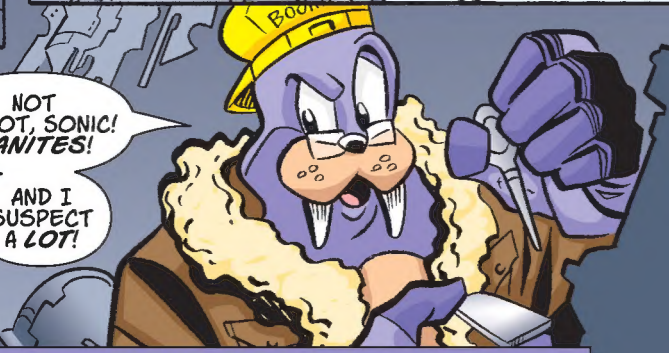
WELL, IF WE  
CAN GET *INSIDE*,  
WE MAY HAVE A SHOT  
AT GETTING SOME  
*ANSWERS!*



ANSWERS?  
WHAT DO YOU  
EXPECT A ROBOT  
WILL TELL  
YOU?

NOT  
ROBOT, SONIC!  
*NANITES!*

AND I  
SUSPECT  
A LOT!



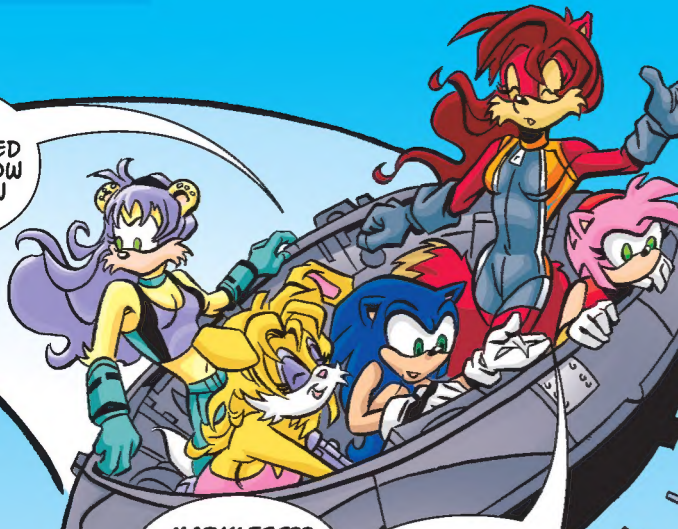
"AND BECAUSE THEY WERE--*ARE*--CAPABLE OF *INDEPENDENT* THOUGHT EVEN WITHOUT A.D.A.M.'S INPUT, CHANCES ARE THOSE WHO WERE CAUGHT IN THEIR PATH DIDN'T SUFFER ANY SERIOUS HARM, EITHER."



"WHAT  
MAKES  
YOU SO  
SURE?"

I MEAN --

-- IF THESE MICROSCOPIC COMPUTERS POSED SUCH A THREAT, HOW COME THEY'RE NOW HARMLESS?



HARMLESS?? TAKE A GOOD LOOK AROUND, SONIC!

IT'LL BE DECADES IF NOT CENTURIES BEFORE THE ECOLOGICAL BALANCE IS RESTORED!

THE NANITES PROBABLY HAD NO IDEA OF CO-EXISTENCE UNTIL THEY ENCOUNTERED BUNNIE!

A.D.A.M. COULDN'T HANDLE IT TOO WELL EITHER CONSIDERING HOW HE BOOTED SNIVELY FROM ROBOTNIK'S SIDE.

I GUESS BEING UNIQUE DOES HAVE ITS ADVANTAGES.

I'M JUST GLAD WE NEVER HAD TO RESORT TO SNIVELY'S OPTION!

SPEAKING OF WHICH, WHERE IS THE LITTLE TWERP ANYWAY?



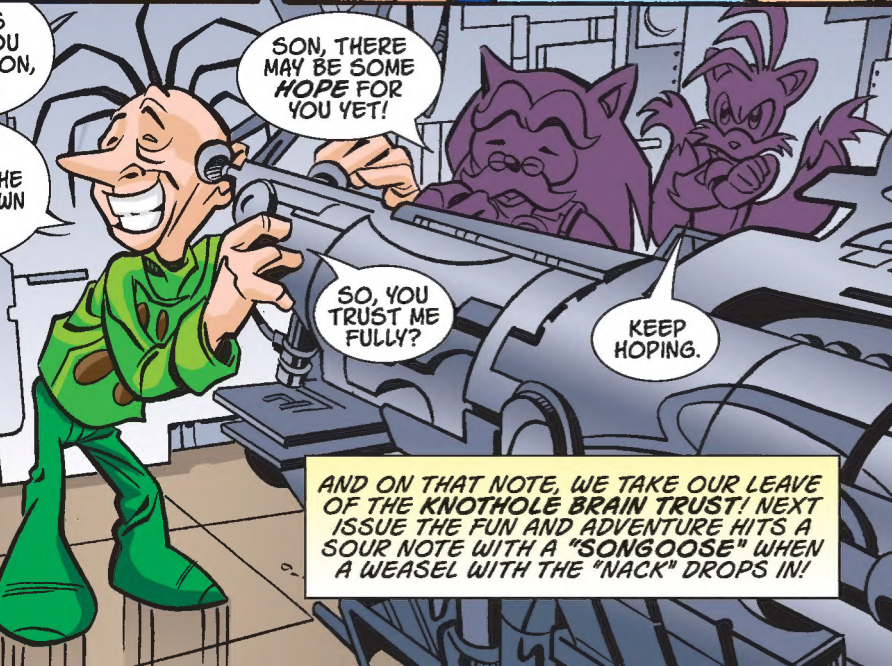
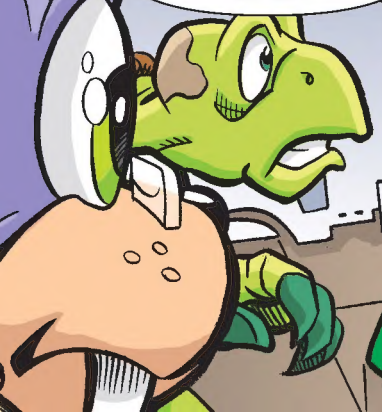
NOW IF YOU EXAMINE THIS SAMPLE ROTOR TOOK, YOU CAN SEE ACTIVITY GOING ON, DESPITE THEIR SEEMING DORMANCY!

IF YOU CAN ESTABLISH A LINK, THEY MAY YET PROVIDE THE ANSWER TO BRINGING DOWN MY UNCLE ONCE AND FOR ALL!

SON, THERE MAY BE SOME HOPE FOR YOU YET!

SO, YOU TRUST ME FULLY?

KEEP HOPING.



AND ON THAT NOTE, WE TAKE OUR LEAVE OF THE KNOTHOLE BRAIN TRUST! NEXT ISSUE THE FUN AND ADVENTURE HITS A SOUR NOTE WITH A "SONGOOSE" WHEN A WEASEL WITH THE "NACK" DROPS IN!